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In re application of:

Jonathan Kepecs

Application No.: 09/420,991

Filed: October 20, 1999

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
DISTRIBUTING AND RECONCILING
ELECTRONIC PROMOTIONS

Examiner: J. Patel

Art Unit: 2164

RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2002, please enter the consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the patent application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Of previously pending claims 1-26, 28-31, 33-41, 59-77, 79-82 and 84-89, all were rejected. In the outstanding Office Action, the rejection of the claims in the previous Office Action of January 3, 2002, was withdrawn and new grounds were raised for rejecting the pending claims for obviousness.

Claims 1-16, 21-23, 26 and 33-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), for obviousness over U.S. Patent No. 4,882,675, which issued November 21, 1989 to S. Nichtberger *et al.* and U.S. Patent No. 5,970,469, which issued October 19, 1999 to M.C. Scroggie *et al.* In rejecting independent claim 1, the Examiner stated, "While, the Nichtberger patent discloses